

WATCHDOG CLERK PROVES EASY FOR HYPNOTIC THIEF

Pizer Barkelanik Leaves Money Out and Door Open for Burglar.

SO HE TELLS DRUGGIST.

Now Ricksecker Wonders

Why He Failed to Tell Policeman on the Job.

"It isn't so bad to have burglars drop in on you now and then," lamented Druggist Ricksecker of No. 375 Lenox avenue to-day, "but it seems to me kinder tough to have a clerk you'd trust like the Bank of England so confounded susceptible to hypnotism that he turns over the store to a visitor while there's 500 pounds of uniformed policemen standing outside the door."

"This clerk of mine wears the name of Pizer Barkelanik, which I consider pretty good name for a watchdog. I've been trusting him for six years to stow the money in the safe at night and close up the store. But on Sunday night he does the opposite—takes the money out of the safe and opens up the store. He does this for a tall, lean gent, who makes passes at him and shows him he's got hardware in his pocket.

"I've told this story to eight detectives and fourteen cops, and instead of listening serious they get red in the face and begin to cough. They refuse to estimate that Pizer Barkelanik is such a compound consolidated chump as he confesses to. It sure is a puzzle.

He Purchases. "It was about 11 P. M. when the tall lean gent dropped into the store, passing right by the large cop out front. He purchased a Ross Detective Detective lights it and says to Pizer, 'I see you're alone?'"

"Except for the cat, yes," says Pizer. "Pleased to hear it says the stranger, who is well dressed and looks like he pays his way. 'I am a burglar,' he goes on just as natural as if he had said he was a barber or a piano tuner.

"Now that fellow Barkelanik has got waffles and bells and burglar alarms all over the shop. He's got \$100 in cash belonging to me in two shoe boxes in the safe, and he's got five worth of stamps belonging to our branch post-office. Moreover, that big cop is still out in front.

"If I had just given the safe door a push there wouldn't have been any robbery. If he'd pushed a button or slipped behind the counter with a loud scream all would have been well. But no, he looks into that burglar's eyes like a sparrow looks into the eyes of a snake, and it's all off.

"Looker here," says the burglar, 'I don't believe in rough stuff, and I don't want to cause any inconvenience to that cop out front. You needn't pass over the safe now; just put it out for me. Take those two shoe boxes out of the safe and stack 'em on a table. Get a can of cyanide of potassium. You can leave that Government money and those stamps in the safe. I don't want any secret service sleuths trailing me. You can lock the front door. You needn't leave the back door leading into the hall open. I'll be back in about an hour."

"Then he makes two passes in front of that clerk's eyes and shows him a pocketful of hardware. Which does he buy another Ross Detective Detective and saunters out, passing the time of night with that cop who is still anchored in the vestibule.

"Did P. Barkelanik go out and tell that policeman? He did not. Did he have sense enough to put that money back in the safe and shut the door? Alas, no.

He explains this by saying that that tall lean gent took his brain outdoors with him. What he did was to lay those two boxes of money out on the cyanide bottle, look the empty safe, bolt the front door and leave the back entrance open. Then he went home. He waited a couple of hours and came back to see if that smooth thief had carried out his programme. He had. "That clerk of mine may be honest, but if he is there's a considerable ivory grown somewhere above his shoulders."



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